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§19-1C-01.

(a) Before the Department approves the operation of a facility under this title, including by granting a license to the facility, the Department shall require the facility to establish and implement:

(1) A safety plan for the safety of the individuals served by the facility; and

(2) A community relations plan, if the facility is:

(i) Accredited by an accreditation organization, as defined in § 19-2301 of this title; and

(ii) Required by the accreditation organization to establish and implement a community relations plan.

(b) The Department may authorize a facility to satisfy the requirement under:

(1) Subsection (a)(1) of this section by implementing a safety plan established for the facility for another purpose, including an emergency plan; and

(2) Subsection (a)(2) of this section by implementing the community relations plan required by the accreditation organization.

(c) A facility in operation on or before September 30, 2021, shall submit a safety plan on or before October 1, 2023, in accordance with this section.

(d) Each facility shall revise its safety plan not less than every 5 years.

(e) A facility may satisfy the requirement under subsection (c) of this section by implementing a safety or emergency plan established for the facility for another purpose.

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